An Act To Make the State's Standard for Lead Exposure in Children Consistent with the Federal Standard

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator VOLK of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative STUCKEY of Portland and
Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, LIBBY of Androscoggin, Representatives: BECK of Waterville, GATTINE of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HERBIG of Belfast, MALABY of Hancock, ROTUNDO of Lewiston.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1315, sub-§5-C, as amended by PL 1995, c. 453, §5, is further amended to read:

5-C. Lead poisoning. "Lead poisoning" means a confirmed elevated level of blood lead that is injurious, as defined in rules adopted by the department using intervention reference levels no higher than those set the 97.5th percentile of blood lead levels in children established by a national health and nutrition examination survey adopted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the definition of "lead poisoning," making the State's standard for lead exposure in children consistent with the federal standard.